# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

### FISCAL MEMORANDUM



HB 486 - SB 662

February 27, 2021

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to analyze areas within the state impacted by blocked highway-rail grade crossings and report at least semiannually to the Transportation and Safety Committee of the Senate and the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures –

\$700,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/Highway Fund

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004111):** Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the substantive changes: (1) require TDOT to identify areas impacted by blocked highway-rail grade crossings from data which is available on a specific reporting website established by the Federal Railroad Administration and report its findings; (2) change reporting requirements from semiannual to annually; (3) establish an annual reporting date of November 1, beginning with November 1, 2021; (4) establish a final reporting date of on or before July 1, 2027; (5) require TDOT to publish a link to a reporting website established by Federal Railroad Administration on their website; (6) require TDOT to send a copy of each report published to specific localities.

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

#### NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

• TDOT will utilize existing staff and resources to review the data available and report on such blocked crossings; therefore, any impact to state expenditures is considered not significant.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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